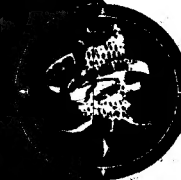


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COMBAT HELICOPTER ASSAULT REGIMENT IN BULGARIA (S)

1. (S/D) Elements of a combat assault regiment were identified for the first time at Krumovo Airfield, Bulgaria ([redacted] on imagery of [redacted] Figure 1). Sixteen HIND D/E, four HIP C, 17 HOUND, and 13 HARE/HOPLITE helicopters were observed (Figure 2, all not illustrated on graphic). During the past year, Krumovo Airfield underwent major renovations. Imagery of [redacted] revealed that 73 concrete helicopter hardstands, taxiways, and three small concrete parking aprons had been constructed over the old sod runway. Also, on coverage of [redacted] the elements of a combat assault regiment at Plovdiv Airfield [redacted] were no longer present. On imagery of [redacted] 16 HIND D/E, six HIP C, 19 HOUND, and 13 HARE/HOPLITE had been observed at Plovdiv Airfield. Therefore, the helicopters present at Krumovo Airfield are probably from Plovdiv Airfield. Plovdiv Airfield is approximately 5 nautical miles north-northwest of Krumovo Airfield.

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